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### AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 23, 2004, please amend the application identified above as follows:

#### Claim

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

I claim:

1. (Amended) A locking device for disabling normal coupler operations by restricting the movement of a lower latching plate of a gooseneck trailer coupler when the lower latching plate of the coupler is placed in a fully closed/latched position and the locking device is inserted into an opening created between a fixed upper plate and a band of the lower latching plate of the coupler, said locking device comprised of:

(a) a block of metallic material formed into specific shapes containing a tapered shaft with an offset portion and a block end;

(b) said tapered shaft being of precise form and containing holes of specific diameter and placement along the shaft;

(c) said tapered shaft containing an offset of precise form, dimensions and placement from the tip of said tapered shaft;

(d) said block end being of precise form, dimensions and placement from the tip of said tapered shaft.

#### Drawings

Please replace Figures 1 through 6 with the attached drawings marked FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 3, FIG. 5, FIG. 7, and FIG. 8, also marked as Replacement Sheet.

Please add the attached drawings marked FIG. 4 and FIG. 6, also marked as Replacement Sheet.

#### Specification

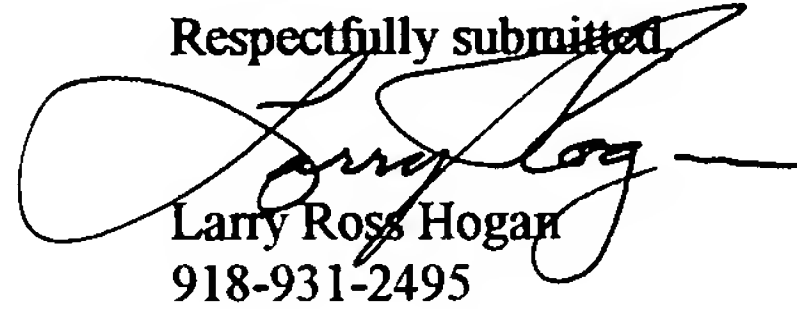
Due to the extensive changes and additions required to correct previous errors and to clarify the claim of this application, please use the attached corrected copy to add a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section, Form 1449/PTO attached, and to replace the remainder of the specification.

## REMARKS

The original form of the locking device and the modified form have been combined into a new preferred embodiment as illustrated in FIG. 1. The original preferred embodiment is now a modified form, FIG. 2.

I have attached a corrected, unmarked specification. I have attached a marked-up version showing the changes made to the original specification. It is captioned "**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**". Strikethrough has been used to identify deleted text. Underline has been used to identify added text.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Ross Hogan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Ross Hogan  
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